Colorado National Monument



2013-2014 Ranger-Guided Field Trips



K-12th grades, ranger-guided programs with standards-based curriculum are available, fall and spring. Contact our education rangers at 970-858-3617 ext 367 or colm_education@nps.gov to book a field trip. All programs are free of charge. Lengths vary. Picnic and camping facilities available. Detailed descriptions, reservation forms and more: www.nps.gov/colm/forteachers If transportation costs are an issue, please contact us.

2nd Grade

Organisms, Habitats and Seasons

3 mile hike, 4 hours or 2.5 mile hike, 3 hours Echo Canyon or No Thoroughfare Canyon Science 2.1, 2.2, 3.1

3rd Grade

Cycles in No Thoroughfare Canyon

2.5 mile hike, 3 or 4 hours

Fall Theme: Rock Cycle Ramble

Earth Materials: Rocks & Soil/Rock Cycle, Science 3.1

Spring Theme: Spring into Life Cycles

Growth & Development: Life Cycle Events, Science 2.1

Serpents Trail Stroll

2 mile downhill hike, 3 hours

Geography of the Grand Valley, Social Studies G.1, H.2

Activity Stations and Short Hikes

Choose 2 (1.5 hrs. each)

Based at Saddlehorn Picnic Area, near Visitor Center.

Radical Rocks Earth Materials: Rocks & Soil/Rock Cycle, Science 3.1

"The Valley of the Grand"

Geography and History of the Grand Valley Social Studies H.1, H.2, G.1, Science 3.1

Investigating Insects

Growth & Development: Life Cycle Events, Science 2.1

4th Grade

Lower Monument Canyon Hike

5 miles, 4 hrs.

Fall Theme: Discovering Fossils

Change Over Time/Fossils Science 2.2

Spring Theme: Desert Dwellers

Living Things and Their Habitats Science 2.2

Activity Stations and Short Hikes

Choose 2 (1.5 hrs. each)

Based near Visitor Center.

Digging Into Fossils

Change Over Time/Fossils Science 3.1

From Utes to Cowboy Boots

The Grand Valley Social Studies H.1, H.2

An Alcove for an Abode

Living Things and Their Habitats Science 2.1, 2.3

6th Grade

Exploring No Thoroughfare Canyon

2.5 mile hike and 2 activities, 4 hours

Constructive and Destructive Processes

Exploring the Evidence Hike, Science 3.1 Master of Models Activity, Science 3.1 Rockin' Around Journaling, Science 3.1

Water Cycle and Ecosystems (Spring Only)

Walking through the Water Cycle Hike, Science 3.2 Desert Dwellers Activity, Science 2.1, 2.2 Balancing Biodiversity Journaling, Science 2.1, 2.2

Other Grades

Custom Programs

Lengths and Locations Vary

Contact us to design a program that matches your needs and curriculum.

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